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Sincerely,

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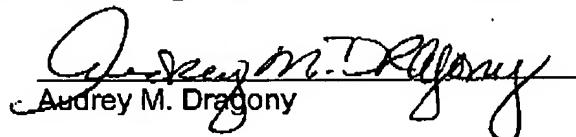
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

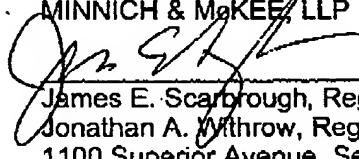
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Respectfully submitted,

FAY, SHARPE, FAGAN,  
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February 3, 2006

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AMENDMENT C

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 03, 2005, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.